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S. M. ROSENBERG, Proprietor,
Middletown, Delaware.

The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows.
Going North—7:20 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 3:30 p. m., 6:05 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—7:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—7:20 a. m., 3:30 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9:30 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., APR. 13, 1907.

Local News

Talking Machines and Records at
MONROE'S.
Highest cash prices paid for live and dressed chickens.

ARMSTRONG'S GROCERY.
HORSE SHOING—Plain 75c each. Satisfaction guaranteed.

J. C. GREEN.
Gold Crowns, Bridges and
Platwork made in my own laboratory. Dr. Johnson.

Hear the latest Phonograph Records at
MONROE'S.
You will find a full line of Garden and Flower Seeds at
M. BARKER'S.

FOR RENT—Several houses on East Main street; some with hot and cold water, and bath. Apply to
THEODORE WHITE/CK.

FOR RENT—Middle Store-room of Opera House building. Possession given immediately.

A. G. COX, AGT.
The W. C. T. U. held their regular meeting last evening (Friday) at the home of Mrs. J. F. McWhorter.

On May 28th and 29th the Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in the New Century Club Building, Wilmington.

FOR RENT—Dwelling and stable, East Main street, formerly occupied by John W. Solway. Possession 25th April.

G. E. HUKILL.
Wide-awake and no pain—either in extracting or filling teeth. Dr. Johnson.

Edison Phonographs and Records for sale at
WALTER MONROE'S.

FOR RENT—House on West Main street, recently occupied by Ira W. Owens.

G. E. HUKILL.
WANTED—Good Veal Calves. Highest cash prices paid.

ARMSTRONG'S GROCERY.
Seed Oats and all kinds of Garden Seed at
EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.

FOR SALE—20 well-bred grown Pully mouth Rock cockerels, Bradley poultry strain. A. P. CORBIT or WILLIAM CRAIG, Thomas Landing.

Pictures and frames, a complete line. Pictures framed while you wait.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.
WANTED—White girl to do general housework in family of three. Good home and no washing. Apply to
Mrs. E. WALTERS,

1228 W. 4th Street, Wilmington, Del.
Up-to-date dental work at moderate cost. Dr. Johnson, Middletown.

You don't have to go to the city to hear the latest Edison Phonograph Records. WALTER MONROE has them.

REMOVAL—Dr. G. B. Pearson has moved his office to second floor of the building adjoining Citizens' Bank over A. G. Cox's office.

The State Board of Health has elected Dr. E. W. Cooper, of Camden, president; Dr. Alexander Lowber, of Wilmington, secretary; and Herbert J. Watson, bacteriologist. The food inspectors will be elected at the May meeting.

The programme for the New Century Club next Tuesday afternoon is: History Review; Current Events; Reading; "Sir Walter Scott," Mrs. F. B. Watkins; Paper, "The Legendary History of Ireland," Mrs. H. B. McDowell; Music.

ROSE CORRIE RHODE ISLAND RED EGGS FOR SALE. These birds are great egg producers, fine table fowls, and extremely hardy. I have the finest pens of reds in the State, and a visit to my yards will convince you of the truthfulness of this statement.

C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.
Let us do your printing, no matter how small the order, and give us a chance to prove how well we can do it.

There will be preaching at Warwick M. P. Church to-morrow (Sunday) at 10:30 o'clock A. M. The Rev. Frank S. Cain, the retiring pastor, will preach his farewell sermon, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

FOR SALE—Cabbage, Tomato, Lettuce, Sweet Potato and Egg Plants in season. C. R. CLAYTON, Cass St., Middletown, Del.

FOR SALE—A dress suit, has been worn three times, made to order, chest measurement 36 to 38. Apply
THIS OFFICE.

Mrs. E. C. Loud, representing the I. P. Thomas, Fertilizer Co., of Philadelphia, is in town and will remain in this vicinity to assist Mr. G. L. Cochran, the local representative, in the sale of spring fertilizers.

FOR SALE—One mower, 1 spray pump, 1 drill, 1 potato planter, 1 hay rake and 1 weeder. Having disposed of my farm, the above articles are for sale, and can be seen at the residence of Mr. F. J. Pennington near Odessa. They are all in good repair.

W. E. LEE, Middletown, Del.
J. Frank Biggs, attorney, purchased the farm of William and Sarah McCoy, in Appoquinimink hundred, at sheriff's sale Friday afternoon. The farm is on the river road near Odessa, and contains 141 acres of land. The farm was sold for \$3,810.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post-office for the week ending April 4th: 1er h Jones (Dead Letter), Mrs. Sorensen, Misses Sallie Wilson, Mr. Theodore Hayes, Mr. Joseph Lancaster (2), Mr. George H. Lockman, Mr. Alfred Warts.

There has been considerable anxiety about the probable damage done to the fruit crop by the extreme warm and cold weather of the past ten days. Unprecedented high temperatures, up to 80 degrees, sometimes registering 90 degrees, following by a fall of 25 degrees accompanied by snow is sufficient to cause alarm. Plooms and some few peach trees are in bloom in this section, but from the information gathered, the general opinion seems to be that the prospects for a fruit crop are still favorable.

The Town Commissioners have hung up the Assessments for Town Taxes for the year 1907 in the Middletown Hotel where they can be seen for the next twenty days until "Appraisal Day," Monday, May 6th, when the board will sit in the Council room on South Broad street from 9 o'clock A. M. to 5 o'clock P. M. to hear appeals.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Law and Order League on Friday evening, April 5th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. F. H. Moore, President; Rev. George F. Jones, Vice President; J. C. Parker, Secretary; John M. Rothwell, Treasurer. The league has secured the New Century Club room where their meetings will be held in the future on Tuesday evening of each week.

Although it has been uncomfortably hot for so early in the season it is not wise to "peel off" heavy underclothing and pack away heavy coats and wraps. Wait until June 1st, and also let the stove stay in the sitting-room, one cannot tell, at this particular time of the year, how soon there may be a sudden change from hot to cold; in fact, it is not unusual for us to have a change from 40 to 50 in the temperature from one day to the next.

The members of the Delaware State Board of Health met at Newark, on Thursday, discussed the pure food law passed by the legislature. Inspectors will be appointed to visit stores and secure for analysis samples of articles sold. The law gives the Board authority to determine the purity of all products, including patent medicine, sold in the State, whether manufactured there or not.

No longer will the white shirt waists and dresses or young women passengers on the Pennsylvania Railroad be soiled by chivalric but uncleaned hands. An order has been issued by the company directing that hereafter conductors and brakemen shall refrain from aiding the fair sex to board or leave trains unless requested. Complaints of women whose apparel has been soiled by over-anxious gentlemen led to the order. This order follows the recent banning of rice and old shoes for bridal couples.

THE NEW PASTOR

The Rev. George P. Jones and Family Given Public Reception

The members of Bethesda, Methodist Episcopal Church and congregation gave a reception to their new pastor and his family on Tuesday evening, from 8 to 11 o'clock. The evening was delightfully spent, and everyone was pleased to make the acquaintance of the new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. George P. Jones. The reception was held in the lecture room of the church, which was tastefully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, and presented a beautiful appearance.

The pastor and his family, with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allen, entered the room to the inspiring hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," rendered by the choir and audience. Addresses were made by Mr. A. G. Cox, who presided; Rev. W. M. Hutchins and Rev. J. A. Arters, to which Jones responded respectively. Several musical selections were rendered by the choir during the evening, and added much to the pleasure of those present. Mrs. J. L. Shepherd and Mrs. J. G. Parker introduced the Reverend gentleman and his wife to all present individually. The church was well represented, the attendance of young people being very gratifying to all. Refreshments were abundant and served with the usual ease and grace that characterizes the Middle-town ladies on such occasions.

The Rev. Jones has already won the favor of his people, and his ministry here will undoubtedly be helpful to the church and community.

MUSICAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

The new Century Club gave a very pleasant musical and entertaining one act comedy selected "Winner at the Woman's Club," on Thursday afternoon, being postponed from Tuesday on account of the disagreeable weather. The room was filled with guests and more chairs were brought in. Nearly eight dollars were made, which will be used toward paying for the trees to be planted from Mr. Fred Brady's lawn to Church Hill.

Miss Helen Townsend, of Odessa, who was to assist with the music, was unable to be present, because of illness and Miss Worth of Wilmington, who was to sing, was also detained at home.

Piano Solo—Mrs. J. Allen Johnson
Instrumental Trio—Misses Anna Denny, Lottie Jolls and Bessie Forker.
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Corbit Vinyard
Piano Solo—Mrs. John Johnson
Instrumental Trio—Misses Denny, Jolls and Forker.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Vinyard
In the comedy, those who took part were: Mrs. Carter, President of Downtown Club. Miss Mary Heston

Mrs. Holmes, A Guest
Miss Kathryn VanSant
Members of the Club—
Mrs. Emery—Mrs. John C. Stites
Mrs. Preston—Mrs. Lydia Cochran
Mrs. Hunter—Mrs. H. B. McDowell
Miss Sylvester—Miss Helen Brady
Frances Emory, aged seven—Helen Biggs
Clarence Hunter, aged four—June Johnson
Nicholson, an attendant—Mrs. John Armstrong.

Millard's "Dry" Spell Comes to End
As the result of winning a signal victory against the Law and Order Society and the temperance workers who have kept liquor out of Millard for six months, William P. Lofland Monday opened the Windsor Hotel with a bar. Forty witnesses against the place, favoring the points of the reconstructions, went to Georgetown on Saturday and appeared before the Court of General Sessions, but all to no avail.

FARMERS ATTENTION

We are prepared to furnish from our warehouses at Middletown and Bear, Del., all brands of Phosphate and Materials by the bag or ton, for Asparagus, Corn, Tomatoes and all other crops. Also Limestone and Spraying Oil. Get our prices before buying.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

Removal Notice
Dr. D. W. Lewis' office will be located in the house vacated by Joshua Crossland East Main street, after March 25th, until his new offices are completed on North Broad street.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Patton Cochran is visiting friends in Newark.

Miss Viola McWhorter is visiting relatives in Glasgow.

Miss Margaret Weldon spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Mrs. A. E. Clay is spending sometime in New York City.

Miss Katherine Pennington is visiting in Washington, D. C.

Miss Sylvia Arthur, of Kenton, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. B. Barrie.

Miss Ada Lockwood is a guest at the home of Mrs. George Lockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Brady returned from their wedding trip Monday.

Miss Martha Heston has returned home after a visit with Elton relatives.

Mrs. G. F. Brady entertained Mrs. Ash, of Delaware City, part of last week.

Miss Blanche Roberts is spending two weeks with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. C. R. Gilpin and Mrs. J. C. Stites are spending ten days at Atlantic City.

Miss A. Lillian Solway, of Upland, Pa., is the guest of Miss S. Elizabeth Holten.

Mrs. T. H. Burnham, of Wilmington, is spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor and son Harvey spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Alexander Metten spent part of last week with her son, W. F. Metten, in Wilmington.

Miss Helen Start, of Smyrna, was the guest of Miss Jennie Cochran, near town, last Sunday.

Mrs. Levi G. Sterner, of Camden, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Slaughter, of Dover, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. W. S. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Reeve, of Atlantic City, N. J., spent a short time with friends here on Thursday.

Mrs. Victor W. Messick and Mrs. C. P. Gears, of Smyrna, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Messick on Monday.

Mr. Charles N. Dickerson, of Camden, N. J., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, on East Main street.

Mrs. W. R. Cochran has been at Elwyn, Pa., for several days, the guest of her daughter, Miss Eliza Polk Cochran.

Mrs. Leslie Schreitz and daughter, Miss Jeannette, have returned from an extended visit with relatives in Mayfield, Ky.

Mr. George Stephens has returned to his home in Colwyn, Pa., after a visit with his aunt, Mrs. George Lockwood.

Dr. and Mrs. Dudley Lemar Munson, of Wilmington, visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Clay, part of last week.

Mrs. G. W. W. Nauda and daughter, Miss Helen, are visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. G. Goodhand, in New York City.

Miss Sylvia Moore, of Cheltenham, Pa., and Mr. Ernest Windel, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore, over Sunday.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Joe. C. Parker, treasurer, in account with Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church for the Conference year 1906-07:

Receipts
Cash on hand beginning of year \$ 38.59
Plate Collection..... 145.66
A. G. Hukill, Collector No. 1..... 387.80
G. G. Cox, Collector No. 2..... 387.80
J. C. Parker, Collector No. 3..... 277.35
J. H. Emerson, Collector No. 4..... 199.51
Wm. Brockton, Collector No. 5..... 211.81
M. B. Burris, Collector No. 6..... 197.00
Cash Collection..... 83.75
For San Francisco..... 62.00
Children's Day..... 24.92
Music Committee..... 98.00
Total..... \$ 2,104.69

Disbursements
Dr. A. W. Lightbourne..... \$ 1200.00
Dr. Koons, Presiding Elder..... 80.00
Organist..... 67.50
Section..... 125.04
Electric Light..... 62.24
San Francisco Relief Committee..... 62.00
Repairing Organ..... 23.00
Envelopes..... 26.00
For Special Music..... 120.00
Conference Academy..... 20.00
Conf. Collection..... 23.75
Fork in Cemetery..... 95.68
Water Rent..... 29.00
Fire Insurance..... 65.10
Sundry Repairs..... 45.36
Miscellaneous..... 31.08
Bishop's Fund..... 18.00
General Conference..... 6.00
Cash on hand..... 6.43
Total..... \$ 2,104.69

Benovolences
Missionary Society (School)..... \$ 350.00
Missionary Society (Church)..... 100.00
Women's Home Miss. Society..... 182.00
Women's Foreign Miss. Society..... 106.00
Conference Claimants..... 100.00
San Francisco Fund..... 87.00
Church Extension..... 20.00
Southern Educational Society..... 20.00
Domestic Missions..... 18.00
Episcopal Fund..... 18.00
Steward's Endowment Fund..... 12.00
Sunday School Union..... 5.00
Tract Society..... 5.00
American Bible Society..... 8.00
Conference Educational Society..... 2.00
General Conference Expenses..... 6.00
Total..... \$ 1,039.00

Regular Church Receipts..... \$ 2104.69
Benedictine Society..... 1039.00
Ladies Mite Society..... 125.15
Sunday School..... 64.92
Total..... \$ 3,338.66

DEATH OF BENEDICT W. HUTCHINSON

This community was saddened on Monday, April 8th, by the unexpected death of Benedict W. Hutchinson, one of our best known and most highly respected citizens. He had been ill for a week, a severe cold developing into pneumonia, though but few knew of his serious illness until he feared of his death.

Mr. Hutchinson's life had nearly all been spent in this community, where his kindly and unassuming manner had endeared him to all. He was the son of Joseph C. and Catharine Hutchinson, and was born on a farm near Fieldsboro, May 11th, 1852. He joined Union M. E. Church, where his family had worshipped for generations, in 1874, and continued a faithful and consistent member until his death.

In 1877 he married Mary G. Jung of Tatbot Co., Md., whose death preceded that of her husband only a few months. Of their union three children survive: Gertrude, now Mrs. Mortimer Gibson, of Kent Island, Md.; Leroy, of Philadelphia, and Howard, of this town.

Funeral services were held in Union M. E. Church, Thursday at 1:30 P. M.; interment in Townsend Cemetery.

Mr. Hutchinson was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. Townsend, April 10, 1907.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Will be Held in Seaford on April 18th and 19th

The Annual Convention of the Delaware State Sunday School Association to be held in Seaford, April 18th and 19th, promises to be one of the best in the history of the Association work.

The program has been so arranged that all phases of modern Sunday School work are covered, and experts will deal with the work of every department.

Rev. W. C. Merritt, an International worker from Tacoma, Washington, is to be one of the convention speakers. This will be the first time that Delaware Sunday school workers have had an opportunity to hear this splendid Sunday School worker who has done a great work for the Sunday schools of the Pacific North West. He is a very prize among Sunday school specialists and to sit at his feet for two days will be a great privilege.

Another new face into which many Delaware Sunday school workers will look for the first time is that of Rev. H. W. Kellogg, D. D., pastor of Grace M. E. Church, Wilmington. He is an expert in Sunday school work, up-to-date and thoroughly familiar with the work of every department.

The State superintendents of Department will present and will be assisted by workers of splendid ability.

The largest class of ever graduated in the State will receive their diplomas at this convention.

Each school is entitled to send one elected delegate to the convention, and all State and County officers and Hundred presidents are ex-officio delegates to this annual gathering of Sunday school workers. In addition to these, the graduates from the Teacher Training classes are members of the convention, and many visitors will be in attendance.

ODESSA

Mr. John Heldmeyer, Jr., spent last week with friends in Smyrna.

Miss Edna Ewell is spending sometime with friends in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Frances E. Husband spent Friday and Saturday of last week in Wilmington.

Mrs. Joseph M. Armstrong was the guest of friends in Philadelphia over Sunday.

Mrs. John Heldmeyer has returned home after spending a week with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. B. Brackett left last Saturday for Brooklyn, N. Y., where she will spend sometime with friends.

Mr. Charles T. Johnson entertained his daughter, Miss Addie Johnson, of Wilmington, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Townsend are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. F. Ballard Lodge, of Cleveland, O.

Mrs. John C. Corbit and daughter Ann spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Gibson.

Mrs. S. F. Curtis and daughters, of Newark, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Corbit.

At the regular monthly meeting of the M. E. Sunday School Association held on Sunday afternoon last Miss Helen G. Townsend was elected delegate and Miss Frances E. Husband alternate to attend the State Sunday School Convention to be held at Seaford on Thursday and Friday of next week.

At the annual meeting of St. Pauls M. E. Sunday School Association the following officers were elected: Superintendent, George L. Townsend; Assistant Superintendent, Joseph G. Brown; Secretary and treasurer, George W. Davis; Librarian, George W. Heldmeyer; Pianist, Miss Helen G. Townsend; Assistant pianist, Miss Minnie Armstrong; Superintendent of Primary Department, Miss Edna Ewell; Superintendent of the Home Department, Mrs. S. L. Enos.

On Tuesday evening of this week the lecture room of the M. E. Church was the scene of a very happy gathering, when a reception was tendered Rev. D. J. Given and wife by the Epworth League of the Church. Dr. H. E. Smyth and wife, and Joseph G. Brown and wife received, introducing the new pastor and wife to all who came. Several of the young ladies furnished music for the occasion and was much enjoyed by all.

Late in the evening the ladies of the League assisted by the Uehlers Union served refreshments consisting of cake and coffee. A most delightful time was had by all, and the new pastor and his wife have already found a warm place in the hearts of the people here.

NEW PAY SYSTEM

Beginning next week there will be placed in operation a new system for the payment of county funds. Under the present plan warrants drawn against the county treasurer have been received at the different banks and paid at their face value. Under the new ruling, which was decided upon Thursday morning, by the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Levy Court Hopkins, County Treasurer Burns and representative of the Farmers' Bank no warrants will be paid by banks unless they have been accepted and signed by the county treasurer.

Under this new ruling all warrants drawn by the clerk of the peace, the probatory, trustees of the poor and chief justice against the receiver of taxes and county treasurer will not pay by any bank unless they are accepted and signed by the county treasurer. This new ruling goes in force for all warrants drawn on and after next Monday. They will be accepted and payable at the Farmers' Bank. However, if they bear the endorsement of the county treasurer, they will be payable at any banking institution and will be delivered to the Farmers' Bank through the clearing house.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1..... 70 Corn..... 35
No. 2..... 65 Yellow, shelled 50
Timothy Seed \$ 75 " cob 50
Clover Seed \$ 15 " Oats..... 60

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.

Eggs, per doz..... 13@17
Country Butter, per lb..... 36
Creamery Butter, per lb..... 38
Lard, per lb..... 11@14
Live Chickens, per lb..... 12@15
Potatoes..... 35@40

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TOWNSEND

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. George Stant is very ill.

Sherman Webb, of Odessa, was a visitor in town on Monday.

Mrs. Husfelt is entertaining Miss Cora Prior, of Georgetown, Md.

The Fort Nightly Society has been postponed until next Tuesday.

Mr. John Hill, of Chester town, visited Mrs. John Maslin over Sunday.

Miss Elma Whitehouse, of White Haven Pa., is visiting her mother here.

Mrs. James Wilson, of Smyrna, visited relatives in town on Wednesday.

Mr. Archie Finley, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his mother over Sunday.

Miss Mary Shockey, of Middletown, was a brief visitor in town on Monday.

William Ginn, of near Odessa, spent Sunday with John Carpenter, Jr., near town.

Mrs. Edward Records and children, of Blackbird, visited friends in town on Friday.

Mrs. Maggie Lee and daughter Ethel visited her son, James Lee and family, of near Odessa, over Sunday.

Miss Mildred Ginn has returned home after a very pleasant visit with Miss Rhena Knotts, in Cheswood.

Mr. Earl M. Shockey has accepted the position as bookkeeper for H. W. Vandever & Co., in Wilmington.

Mrs. Florence Moore who has been visiting Mrs. Clara Lattomus, has returned to her home in Philadelphia.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney who has been visiting friends in New York and Pennsylvania, has returned home.

George W. VanDyke and daughter Anna spent Sunday with Horace VanDyke and family, near Smyrna.

Miss Josephine Crawford who has been spending sometime with friends here, has returned to her home in New York.

Mrs. Margaret Ginn has returned home after spending sometime with her son, James Ginn and family, near Odessa.

Miss Beulah Buckson, of Blackbird, gave a parlor dance to her friends on Friday evening. Refreshments of lemonade, cake and candy were served. Those present were: Misses Arricie Lattomus, Anna VanDyke, Julia Wells and Messrs. Wales Bolton, Hart Scott, Howard VanDyke, Earl Shockey, Townsend; Misses Snie Watson and Beulah Buckson, of Blackbird.

ST. GEORGES

Mr. Hunter, of the firm of Barrett & Hunter spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith.

Miss Clarence Barnett is the guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Racine, of Porter.

Mrs. Campbell, of Wilmington, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sarah Cann, from Friday until Monday.

Miss Julia Paynter spent Wednesday with her aunt, Mrs. Maria Racine, of Porter.

Miss Mabel Jacquett was the guest of friends in Newark from Friday until Monday.

Miss Violet Gray and Miss Amanda Moore were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reynolds part of last week.

Dr. and Mrs. John Wilson DeWitt have issued invitations to the marriage of their niece, Edna Mills Stetson, to Dr. Lewis Cross Bowles on Wednesday, April the twenty-fourth, at twelve o'clock.

Deputy Grand Master W. C. L. Carnage with his staff visited Ruth Rebecca Lodge, I. O. O. F., of St. Georges, and installed the following officers: P. G., Lena April; N. G., Frances Cronin; V. G., Martha Lester; C. S., Annie Carrow; P. S., Elizabeth Wolfe; T. M., Harry Hildebrand; W., Mattie Jones; C., Susan Sutton; R. S., N. G., Laura Buckson; L. S. N. G., Hannah Swan; R. S. V. G., Rosetta Crossland; R. S. V. G., Laura Jones; L. A. S. V. G., Bessie Van Huelck; J. G., Nellie Hill; O. G., Joseph Crossland.

PUBLIC PARK FOR DOVER

Through the efforts of former Senator J. Frank Allee the government has given out the contract for fitting up the public park in Dover, surrounding and in the rear of the Federal building, to W. M. Newton, of Wyoming, and George Coffin, of Dover. The contract specifies work to be commenced at once and new fittings and furnishings to the amount of \$175 are to be installed. The municipal authorities may then be called upon to fit up the place with var-colored electric lights and a band stand for free concerts as may be secured for the summer. The park is situated in the heart of town and is well shaded with old trees together with the new rows which were placed in even parallel columns about two years ago by the government. The park will be under the supervision of Postmaster Douglas C. Allee, who will serve as custodian until some other government official is designated.

STATE'S EXHIBIT

In order to make the collection of Colonial relics for the exhibition at the Jamestown Exposition as representative as possible of the early history of Delaware, the Society of Colonial Dames of this state would be glad to hear from persons who have articles which they would like to add to the collection.

By communicating with any of the following committees the matter would receive prompt attention: Mrs. Charles T. Rumford, Mrs. Eugene DuPont, Mrs. Ferdinand L. Gilpin, Mrs. Charles R. Miller, Mrs. E. Tattall Warner, Wilmington; Mrs. John R. Rodney, New Castle; Miss Mary Ann, Milford; Mrs. J. Ernest Smith is chairman of the committee.

The greatest care will be taken of all articles in the exhibit. Several thousand dollars are already represented in commercial value, to say nothing of the priceless worth of the articles from an historical standpoint. The collection

ANNABEL'S POCKET

BY ELLA RANDALL PEARCE

Here's your skirt, Annabel, said Mrs. Mallock, hanging the blue serge garment over the chair in front of her.

Thank you, so much, replied Annabel, with her sweet, girlish smile. It looks as good as new—why, you've put on new velvet, Mrs. Mallock.

Yes, I didn't want to be bothered with turning and piecing the old bit, said the elder woman, with a deprecatory gesture. Now, now, put your purse down; I owed you something for running errands for me, and it's all right.

How can I ever repay you? You've been very kind to me.

I've tried to do what I could for a fatherless and motherless girl, but it isn't much a poor woman can do. And to think you're out of work again, Annabel.

Yes, said the girl, with a little sigh, I expected it when the rush was over.

But it wasn't much of a place, commented Mrs. Mallock, with a toss of her head. Standing behind a counter all day, waiting on a lot of ungrateful people who treat you as if you were a machine, and all for four dollars a week, and you with board and carfare to pay, wasn't that what you would call a snap, now. Maybe something better will turn up.

Annabel did not answer, and the woman looked at her keenly.

You're looking peaked, she said. You've lost your red cheeks, and your eyes are getting back in your head, and you've been awful mopy lately. Oh, I've got eyes.

I'm discouraged, replied Annabel, dropping into a chair and leaning her face upon her hands. You're homesick, said Mrs. Mallock.

Annabel gave a short, mirthless laugh.

I can't be that, for I haven't any home; but I do wish I'd never left Greenfield.

Why, you had to, didn't you, when you were left alone?

But I wasn't left alone, and I didn't have to. Oh, Mrs. Mallock, I must tell you. I must talk to somebody or I shall go crazy. I've been such a foolish girl! I had a home offered me; there was a—youth man there who thought a good deal of me, and I of him, but I got silly notions in my head. I wanted to come to the city and see something of life. Two girls I knew came here, and such letters as they wrote! Ada Dalton went in a jewelry store, and a rich man married her and gave her a lovely home; and Cora Bent worked for a milliner and sung at concerts occasionally, for she had a good voice; she lived in a big boarding house, and had such pleasant times. She wrote me of the places she visited, the plays she saw and of her friends. I got tired of my dull life and fields and farm houses. I thought I'd come to the city, too, and when I told him—well, we quarreled. But, oh, Mrs. Mallock, it's all so different—

Mrs. Mallock looked at her thoughtfully.

My dear, she said, the city's a hard place for the poor young girl. You're smart and you're winning, and you see how hard it is to get along. And you haven't anyone to give you any pleasure; it's been a dull time for you. Your friends were very lucky—

But they weren't! Annabel burst forth passionately. That's the worst of it. I met Ada one day. She was elegantly dressed, but she wasn't happy; she told me so. She had married an old man for his money, and she was miserable. His folks were unkind to her, and he was jealous, and she had tired of it all. Annabel, she said, my happiest days were in Greenfield. Then—

The other girl? Yes—Annabel's head dropped—I saw her, too. She was well dressed, too, and wore a lot of jewelry and her face was painted. She sings on the stage now. She didn't recognize me, and I'm glad of it since I've heard that—that—well, you understand, Mrs. Mallock. Her friends could not be my friends; they are not like the people we used to know.

My dear, said Mrs. Mallock, with a kindly glance at the dejected little figure, why don't you go back?

Annabel sprang up with startled eyes and flushing cheeks. Back to Greenfield? Oh, no, no, I can't do that! He wouldn't forgive me; he may have forgotten by this time, and there's no one else. But he was good to me, and I could have had a nice little home; and I—I didn't know

then how much I cared. I'll show you his picture.

And for the first time since she had left Greenfield other eyes than Annabel's rested on the pictured face of Linwell Hoyt.

A frank, handsome face it was, with firm, unshaded lips, kindly eyes, and thick masses of dark hair tossed back from a broad forehead.

It's a fine face, commented Mrs. Mallock. Annabel I'd like to scold you.

Don't, said Annabel, with something like a sob.

She put the picture away, bathed her face and smoothed her hair.

I'm going out to answer that advertisement, she said.

While fastening the belt of the blue skirt around her waist, she gave a little exclamation.

Oh, you've forgotten the pocket!

No, I didn't; I put it in the last thing. Here—why!—and the woman began to laugh heartily. Annabel, I put it on the wrong side!

So you have. I'll have to be left-handed. Well, never mind; I'll manage.

But it's so awkward. I don't know what possessed me—putting a pocket on that side. I'll change it some time.

It's all right, Annabel protested. I just carry my purse and handkerchief in it.

The idea of my putting a pocket on the left side! muttered Mrs. Mallock, as Annabel went out the door. Bless her heart, what a pretty, trim little thing she is with her neat figure and her brown curls, and her big blue eyes like a baby's. The poor dear, silly child!

Annabel applied for the position in a downtown store, but received little encouragement.

A small army of experienced workers were there to offer their services, and with a sinking heart the young girl turned away.

She boarded a car bound for home, and sat down beside a stout woman whose silks and furs and diamonds offered a striking contrast to the shabby attire of the slender girl who was overshadowed by her avoirdupois and her showy elegance. As the car filled they were wedged closely together, and the folds of garnet silk forced over the blue serge.

Annabel, with a faint smile, as she thought of Mrs. Mallock's mistake, slipped her left hand down by her side in order to procure her handkerchief from her misplaced pocket.

It was rather awkward for her and required some little effort, but at last she succeeded in finding the opening, and, at that instant, the stout woman beside her, who had been growing redder and redder in the face, turned abruptly toward her, and something closed about the girl's wrist.

I've caught you! exclaimed the woman. Picking my pocket, eh? I'll teach you a lesson. Conductor, conductor, stop the car!

By this time every one had realized the situation, and was staring at the couple. Annabel looked down in confusion, while a burning flush swept over her face, realized only one fact—her hand was actually in the pocket of the garnet silk dress, and the stout woman was holding it there in a vise-like grip.

Too bewildered to clearly understand the matter, the young girl began to stammer something, but the woman silenced her with her noisy, voluble denunciations.

I'll show you what it means to try to steal from me. I lost my purse only last week. A nice girl you are; a nice face you've got for a pick-pocket, but I dare say you're acting for somebody else. I won't encourage crime. I'll have you arrested at once. Come along, miss.

The car had stopped. Despite Annabel's incoherent protests and resistance, the woman still gripping her wrist, led her stumbling into the street and hailed an officer.

The car moved on, but every one was stretching his neck to get a last glimpse of the young criminal, and one or two, more curious than the rest, alighted and drew near.

The woman told her story and the officer took charge of Annabel. The girl's only idea then was to hide her face from the curious passers-by.

Think of the disgrace of it all! Marched along the streets in broad daylight in the custody of

an officer with a panting, angry accuser behind her.

Luckily, the station house was near, but as they drew near the door-way a young man approached the little group, passed and stood there with a look of incredulous horror on his face.

Annabel!

She looked up with a gasping cry of Linwell, and would have fallen but for the officer's extended arm.

Linwell Hoyt followed them in to the station house.

Here's a girl caught picking pockets, said the officer to the stern-faced man behind the desk. Linwell Hoyt sprang forward eagerly. It's a mistake! he said, in clear, indignant tones. I know this young girl well.

He was waved aside while the stout woman made her complaint. Then Annabel, who was pale and trembling, was allowed to tell her story.

In low tones and with tearful eyes she made her explanations, showing her misplaced pocket in evidence.

She had only tried to get her handkerchief, and her awkward left hand had found its way into the folds of her neighbor's dress. Mrs. Mallock was sent for, and the affair was speedily settled to the satisfaction of all but the stout woman, who went away declaring the left-handed pocket was only a trick.

Ligwell Hoyt observed the colorless face and shabby dress of the girl who had preferred life alone in the city to life in Greenfield with him.

His heart was moved with pity, and when Mrs. Mallock urged him to accompany them home, he reluctantly assented. Once in her apartments, the worthy woman found some excuse for leaving the young people alone.

Annabel, said Linwell, the city's a hard place for a poor young girl.

That's just what Mrs. Mallock said, answered Annabel. She's the only friend I've got.

No, I'm your friend, said the young man, gently. You don't look happy, Annabel. Don't you like it here?

Something impelled Annabel to speak the truth. She raised her clear blue eyes to his face. I hate it, she said, passionately. I don't care if you do know it, Linwell, and you may exult if you like—

Annabel, Annabel, would I exult over your disappointment and misfortune? Why, poor little girl, my heart went out to you to-day when I saw you in that awful plight. I wish you'd come back to me.

Annabel looked up with brightening eyes, then her lids fell.

You don't! she answered. You're sorry for me, that's all. You can't forgive me.

But I do. I love you yet. I think you care—you will come back, Annabel, dear little girl?

His arm stole around her waist and, unresisting, Annabel allowed him to press her head upon his shoulder and kiss her lips.

Linwell, I am so sorry, she murmured. But we must never let any one know how we met.

No; but if you had not got into that plight I might never have seen you. I do not come to the city once a year.

And if I'd had to live here alone another year in this mean, cruel city, I should have died, replied Annabel. Oh, I shall be so happy to get back to Greenfield. An hour later, when her lover had gone, Mrs. Mallock bustled into the room with needle and thread.

Give me that skirt, Annabel, she said. I'll fix that pocket this night before I sleep.

But Annabel laughingly waved her back.

Don't touch it, she cried, gayly. I wouldn't have that pocket changed for anything—no indeed! Good-night, Mrs. Mallock.

TO REBUILD SYSTEM

The Western Union Telegraph Company has in contemplation the reconstruction of its lines throughout the State. As the result of a disagreement between the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the telegraph company several years ago, the lines of the latter company were removed from the railroad property and the Postal Telegraph Company given authority to operate, and this permission was given.

The franchise granted will enable the company to plant poles on many of the principal roads of the county in a manner not to obstruct use of the highways, and under supervision of the Levy Court.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, D. C., April 5, 1907.

It is not generally known, but it is a fact, none the less, that when the Spaniards laid to ambush the Rough Riders at Gaudin in Cuba the whole plot was spoiled because one man was too eager, and shot at the head of the column before it got well into the line of fire. There is a remarkable similarity about the things that have happened in the political world this week.

Whether the Harriman letter would be springing the mine too soon, it is impossible to say. If that discussion had not arisen, political enemies of the Administration might not have gotten gay and talked so much. But the fact remains that someone leaked, and about the prettiest plot on record in American politics had been spoiled. It is alleged that Senator Penrose got extra communication at a dinner recently and announced there was a scheme afoot, not to beat the President for the renomination, because it is not generally believed he would take the renomination under any circumstances, but to beat his plan for getting a free man and a man after his own heart nominated by the Republican party.

The details of the plot are a little too explicit and probable to make it seem all talk. It was to the effect that the railroads and big corporate interest including Harriman, H. H. Rogers and the rest of the Standard Oil crowd had started a fund of \$5,000,000 to thwart the President in the next campaign in securing a man for the Republican nomination who would carry out the President's policies. The scheme was to get delegates in all the states pledged to Roosevelt on the first ballot, and thus presumably pledged to the President's choice after he had declined the nomination, which it was confidently expected he would do.

The program was then to stampede them on the second ballot to some man not at all the President's choice. It is said that Senator Penrose attended a dinner recently, and to put it in plain language, got drunk and talked too much. The story was heard by one of the friends of the President who was at the dinner, and he promptly related it at the White House. Of course Senator Penrose came out with a prompt denial of his role in the story. After he had denied it thoroughly, it was stated at the White House that his name had never been mentioned in connection with the matter, nor had the name of anyone else. But the President was said to have all the details of the story in his possession and both he and his real friends will be on their guard from now till the next Republican convention against any realization of such a plot.

Altogether it is a remarkable story, and one that has been in the air for over a week. It is believed that there was something doing under the surface in the way of opposition to the President, and that the railroads were at the bottom of it in revenge for what they considered was ungenerous treatment at the hands of the administration. But that anything so widespread and finished in the way of a conspiracy was afoot was not generally credited. There are a good many Republicans now who say that the President has been deceived and that there is no such organized opposition to him as he believes and the avowed opponents of the administration are laughing and tapping their foreheads significantly to indicate something radically wrong mentally.

But it is believed none the less that the plot story is in the main correct, and it has served to put the friends of the administration very thoroughly on their guard.

The attitude of the Harriman interests before the Interstate Commerce Commission this week has been that of men deeply wronged in an effort to do what was right. Arguments are being heard by the commission from the counsel for the railroads and the special attorneys for the commission to decide what course should be taken in regard to the questions that Mr. Harriman refused to answer at the recent New York hearing and what sort of a report should be made to the Attorney-General on which it might base a prosecution if he saw fit under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. The most remarkable argument by any of the railroad attorneys was that of John G. Milburn, who stated to the Commission in the most serious fashion, that there was no ground for proceeding against Mr. Harriman under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. He said that the anti-trust law was aimed only at a combination of railroads or other corporations who entered into an agreement to fix rates and prices, but that in the case of the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific Railroads, Mr. Harriman had bought them both and that even if he bought them with the announced intention of stifling competition and restraining trade, the law could do nothing with him because he owned the roads and could do with them as he wished. Mr. Milburn said that any attempt on the part of the government to regulate the roads under such circumstances would be interfering with private property and could not be justified for a moment. Attorney Severance for the Commission replied that this was an entirely fallacious view of the matter and read a number of decisions, including that of the United States Supreme Court in the Northern Securities case which fully covered the railroad contention and showed that the Sherman law was designed to prevent combinations in restraint of trade whether the stock of the combined companies was owned by one man, absolutely or held by a trust.

At the end of this month the transport Buford will sail from San Francisco with 3,000 tons of flour and other supplies for the Chinese famine sufferers. This shipment is the result of a fund of \$110,000 collected by the Christian Herald, and is being shipped by the Commissary, Department of the Army free of charge.

REMOVAL.—Dr. G. B. Pearson has moved his offices to second floor of the building adjoining Citizens' Bank over A. G. Cox's office.

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